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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 7 March 2006

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R.§1.136(a)

MAIL STOP <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir.

This is a request under 37 C.F.R.§1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005. This is a request for a 2 month extension of time from January 7, 2006 to March 7, 2006. The required fee for this extension of time, the amount of \$450.00, is hereby authorized to be withdrawn from Deposit Account Number 50-1391.

Please consider this a petition to extend the time to respond if an additional extension of time is deemed necessary by the Office. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 50-1391 if such additional extension is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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